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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the June 6, 2005, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends September 6, 2005. A two month extension is attached hereto. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

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